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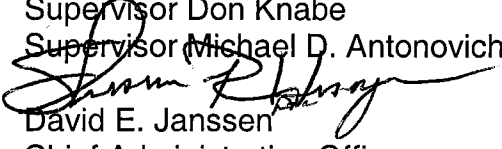
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**MOTION TO SUPPORT SB 990 (KUEHL) – SANTA SUSANNA FIELD
LABORATORY (ITEM NO. 69-B, AGENDA OF APRIL 10, 2007)**

Item No. 69-B on the April 10, 2007 Agenda is a motion by Supervisor Yaroslavsky recommending that the Board of Supervisors support SB 990 (Kuehl) and send a five-signature letter to the Governor and the Los Angeles County Legislative Delegation urging their active support of this bill, and instruct the County's Legislative Advocates in Sacramento to advocate the County's position on the bill.

As introduced on February 23, 2007, SB 990 would require as a condition for any sale, lease, or sublease, or transfer of any land presently or formerly occupied by the Santa Susanna Field Laboratory, also known as Rocketdyne, that the Director of Toxic Substances Control certify that the land has undergone complete remediation of chemical and radioactive contamination. The bill would require complete remediation to meet the most protective clean-up standards that have been promulgated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for sites that contain chemical and radioactive contamination and that are based on the most restrictive potential land use for these sites to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of any future occupants.

The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERLA), commonly known as Superfund, was enacted by Congress on December 11, 1980 and created a tax on chemical and petroleum industries and

established prohibitions and requirements concerning closed and abandoned hazardous waste sites. CERLA also revised the National Contingency Plan, which provided the guidelines and procedures needed to respond to releases and threatened releases of hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants. CERLA was amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) on October 17, 1986. SARA made several important changes to the Superfund program, including increased State involvement in every phase of the program, increased focus on human health, and stressed the importance of permanent remedies and innovative treatment technologies in cleaning up abandoned or uncontrolled hazardous waste sites.

The Department of Public Works (DPW) indicates that they have no comments on the bill. DPW did respond to a Board notion dated August 30, 2006, in which it worked with the Department of Public Health to submit a report that included investigation on soil, ground water, and surface water contamination and impact on the surrounding areas of the Santa Susanna Field Laboratory site located within Ventura County. In addition, past and present regulatory actions were summarized in the report which was submitted to the Board on October 12, 2006. The Department of Public Health advises that clean up of this site is a State and Federal responsibility.

There is no Board policy to support legislation to implement oversight over the clean up of abandoned land or uncontrolled hazardous waste sites presently or formerly occupied by the Santa Susanna Field Laboratory. **Therefore, support for SB 990 is a matter for Board policy determination.**

The bill is scheduled to be heard in the Senate Committee on Environmental Quality on April 16, 2007.

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